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Home News and Events Transpired Since our Last Issue—Other Matters Worthy of Careful Consideration.

The Queen of Song, the King Tenor, the Prince of Readers and other stars January 15th and 16th.

The greatest living singer of the age is Flora Batson.

Go and see his diaminds and jewelry if nothing more.

The Union choir of the Baptist Sunday-school Union is under the direction of Prof. J. T. Layton.

Rev. James H. Lee was kindly remembered by his congregation Christmas.

The Baptist Sunday-school Union, under the presidency of Mr Alexander Hamilton, will give a dinner to the poor on Monday, January 1st.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Baptist Sunday-school Union has been reorganized.

Prof. J. M. Langton has received a letter from Secretary Thurber to the effect that he never applied for the recordership.

C. H. J. Taylor is telling the people out West that he has been commissioned.

It is rumored on the street that the President said that he is saving the recordership for a colored man. Prof. W. L. Brown, the son of the late Bishop J. M. Brown, and J. C. Matthews, of Albany, are in the lead if it comes to a colored man. Both are good men.

Mr. James A. Ross, of Iowa, called on Claud M. Johnson this week to ascertain why so many colored ladies were being dismissed from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The result will be announced next week.

The American Baptist Magazine will be published in this city. The first number will appear January 15th, 1894, with W. B. Johnson as managing editor. The Baptist Association could not have selected a better man for this important work. Rev. W. B. Johnson is a well known worker in the interest of the Baptist churches of America. A close student and a hard worker, his sword is ever drawn upon the enemy of the Church. THE BEE tips his hat to the new editor.

Mr. W. J. Donovan, 1528 7th street, n. w., wholesale and retail liquor dealer, does a thriving business. He is kind and liberal as was shown on Christmas day when he rewarded the many friends that paid him a visit. Don't forget to call and see him.

R. McDaniel, the leading bottling establishing on K street near Asbury Church, will soon erect a large building for this growing business. Mc. is one of the well-to-do colored citizens of Washington.

Messes Morgan, Violett & Co., the Economy Shoe Store, 706 7th st., n. w., is a new store. but judging from the the large crowds that visited the store before and during the recent holidays one would think that they had been here for many years. It is not only one of the best shoe stores in Washington, but they have been very liberal to the poor. Your pocket book is not too small for this popular shoe house. It will do well to give them a trial.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

A good wife is a jewel.

So is a good husband.

A corrupt preacher is dangerous in a christian community.

A man does not always practice what he preaches.

You should not always believe what you hear.

Never decide a question until you have heard both sides.

Be a quiet listener always.

Never express youu opinion against your enemy to your friend.

If you can't speak well of a person don't speak ill of him.

If you can't trust a man never tell it to any one, unless you have cause.

Some people know more about your own business than they do of their own.

A talkative man or woman should be allowed to have his way.

A gossiping woman is deceitful.

A person who cannot keep his own secret will certainly not keep yours.

Flora Batson, the real Patti of her race, January 15 and 16.

PUBLIC OPINION.

From the Austin Texas Herald.

One reason why the devil is having his own way so long is because so many church members hate the prayer meeting and love the circus.

From the Omaha Enterprise.

The Democratic party will learn by repealing the Federal election laws that a Republican president can be elected.

From the California Exponent

President Cleveland has made it known that a negro will succeed Hon. B. K. Bruce as Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia. Ex-congressman Lawler of Illinois with the endorsement of Senator Palmer and Representative McGann aspired for the position but was told by the president that the place was reserved for a colored man.

From the Lynchburg Counselor Herald.

The Washington BEE is authority for the statement that until Profe-sor Cardozo is removed from the principalship of the high school of Washington, D. C. the school will amount to nothing. A difficulty over a selection of a room occured a few days since between Professor Cardozo and Professor Hugh M. Brown, the teacher if Chemistry. Professor Brown will be remembered as the gentleman who is enjoying the honor of a much talked about professor because of recent startling utterances he made on the negro question in a public lecture several days since in his city. We shall watch the BEE with interest on the Cordazo-Brown matter. The startling statement of the BEE as to Cardozo's failure intensifying our interest.

From the Future State.

About a hundred and fifty young men and women have been offered positions by C. H. J. Taylor, in Kansas City, Mo., a few in T peka, a few in the East, and a number in Kansas City, Kan. From these indications Taylor is going to get the earth from the hands of the Democracy.

Yes, and about fifty females in this city have been promised positions in the Recorders office if Taylor is appointed.—Bee.

From the Atlanta Beacon.

Abbeville seems now to be on a permanent boom, which, if it continues, will place her among the cities of the first rank. The greatest care should be taken that her spiritual, moral and intellectual interests may keep pace with her temporal growth and progress.

From the Southern Mercury.

Grover not only has congress on his hands, but he also has Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, on his back!

Yes, and he is man enough to knock them all off.—Bee.

From the American Citizen.

In the absence of the editor-in-chief from the city we desire to state to the negro newspapers throughout the United States that in our judgment Mr. Taylor will not permit any negro who has been lately fired out of a spittoon-cleaning position in the Interior Department for publishing a lie, and who, before that time had a record not enviable to engage him in a controversy with so excellent a gentleman as the Hon. John M. Langston This paper would be glad to welcome Mr. Langston into the Democratic party.

From the American Citizen.

The Colored American is doing well in Washington. Mr. J. E. Bruce and Mr. E. E. Cooper can succeed in negro journalism if anybody can. They know just what to do at all times. God bless you, my friends.

In the same paper Taylor compliments the editors.—Bee.

From the Texas Reformer.

Mr. Cleveland is all right enough, but it is that misfit cabinet of his that makes the people groan with anguish.

From the Ohio Falls Express.

The Washington Bee gives a summary of an interview with the distinguished Frederick Douglass, in which he talks of the colored folks and the Exposition, then refers to Cleveland's message not having anything to say about lynching and then gives the old truth that the sins of the few are visited upon the many, but this came forward as an embryonic idea when given out by Fred Douglass.

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The genial Jesse Roy is afraid to become a benedict.

Pete Meredith is an round business man and don't you forget it.

Claud M. Johnson, of the Bureau of Engraving and printing, hates the negro.

What ought the negro democrats do now to have the wholesale discharge of their race discontinued.

The negro democrats have a duty to perform and at once.

Is this the doitrine they have been teaching to the negro as no such was taught by republicans.

The wholesale dismissal of colored girls without any cause whatever is a strong doctrine to preah on the stump in '96.

There will be negro democrats fools enough to explain this away.

All negroes are not fools if their enemies think so.

What has become of the negro democratic league?

Well the boys are living in hopes of a better day.

They will change basis shortly and will desert the sinking ship.

Some men are too honest to be rascals.

Let us have suffrage in the District of Columbia.

There is no reason that the negro should be deprived of his vote.

In union there is strength.

The negro would rather be divided.

No man should be an officer of the government who has prejudices.

Disappointments are bound to come to us all.

Col. W. M. Parker is quite ill.

It is the wish of the BEE that he will soon get better.

The people want Col. J. W. Ross to be appointed.

Hammet wants to get rid of Chief Clerk Tracey.

He is the power behind the scene.

He wants no man that knows more than he does.

Gen. Whittaker has resigned.

They say that inspectingments is not an easy Job

Hammet does not a negro in the health office as an inspector.

Colored men should protect their women.

Those who are not true to themselves cannot be true to others.

Prof. J. T. Layton is a success in music.

His accomplished wife is a great help to him.

Prof. H. M. Brown is a profound thinker.

Recorder B. K. Bruce has appointed more colored people than any colored official in this country.

He is a friend to his race and a man in whom Mr. Cleveland has confidence.

Read the BEE if you want reliable news.

The aim of the BEE is to defend the rights of the negro against oppression.

A man cannot do any more that what nature or his physical powers will permit him.

Be true to your country then you will be true to your constitution.

The President will stand by the Queen.

Let us be true to each other.

Eaery living and crawling insect will unite against the enemy.

Every animal will more or less unite against his oppressors.

The negro will join in with his emenies against his own interests.

Fred Douglass is respected everywhere he goes.

John R. Lynch is one of the coming men from the south.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

President Grover Cleveland is a remarkable man. He is one of those characters which a nation provides at long intervals. He is a man of sterling integrity and marked individuality. Friends and foes, democrats and republicans, alike concede to him, that force of character which necessarily makes a lasting impression upon the times in which he is an actor.

While a democrat, he is not a follower, but a leader of his party; he does not receive instructions from the superannuated leaders of his party, but blazes the way and invites them to follow.

In the recent discussion of the silver question he declared for unconditional repeal and he got it, notwithstanding the threats of party bullies and the persuasive methods of courtiers.

In the Hawaiian business he showed the same spartan courage. But more emphatically has he exhibited his independence of party dictation in filling the offices within his gift. At a single blow he struck down the pernicious system that has fastened itself upon the country of setting apart certain offices for colored men and certain other offices for white men. He has taught the country that because a colored man happened to hold a certain office that it does not follow that such office must be held by colored men to the end of time.

He has taught colored men themselves that their aspirations need not be limited to certain positions under the government, but like other American citizens they might seek preferment in any branch of the service. In this he has rendered the colored American citizen a great service by broadening the horizon of his actions and making him more tolerent in politics.

If now the United States Senate fails to share the progressive spirit of the President, then all the worst for the senate. The President can not do more than make appointments; it is no fault of his if they are not confirmed.

Certain senators gravely mistake the character of Mr. Cleveland when they attempt to control his action by indicating that if he will appoint colored men to certain offices named by them, such appointments will be confirmed otherwise not.

Mr. Cleveland is not that sort of a man, in fact, threats of any character are impotent to move him one iota.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

In the reorganization of the committees of the board of trustees of the District of Columbia, Hon. B. K. Bruce has been reappointed a member of the committee on high and normal schools, and at the same time promoted to the chairmanship of the committee on rules.

This is a recognition of the services of a faithful and efficient school officer and a command to said officer to put an end to the bickerings, petty jealousies and quarrels which have, ever since the establishment of the high school been rife in that institution.

It is a guarantee that the board of school directors will support Trustee Bruce in any legitimate measure which it may be necessary for him to take to suppress the aforesaid evils.

We desire to say to Trustee Bruce on behalf of the people of this District, that he must not hesitate to use the knife on those who are responsible for the disgraceful condition of affairs at the high school.

What is most needed out there is a grand bounce. Will Trustee Bruce hesitate longer?

TOO SMART.

Recorder Bruce had to call one of his clerks to a halt this week because he was going beyond his authority. After an investigation into the facts, the recorder gave ois over jealous clerk to understand that he was recorder.

The Commissioners were more liberal toward colored whiskey men this year than they have been for some time.

REDUCED RATES TO BALTIMORE.

Saturday, January 6, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will sell round trip tickets for all trains leaving Washington, Baltimore and Ohio depot, for Baltimore, at $1.25, good three days.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. President: There are a number of American citizens who who have the most implicit confidence in you and believe that you are right on the Hawaiian question. Of course there are people who for partisan reasons believe that Mr. Harrison was right. The same confidence that Mr. Harrison placed in his minister, Mr. Stevens, are similar to that you placed in your special commissioner. Mr. Blount. There is a division of opinion, but on the face of the returns I am of the opinion that you have done your duty, as you see it.

The people are tired of the question, Mr. President, especially the negro democrats. They believe that you ought to turn your attention for awhile to negro democratic appointments.

The followers of the late Bishop J. M. Brown are surprised that you have not rewarded the services that the late bishop rendered, to have recognized his oldest son, Prof W. L. Brown, before now.

I congratulate you Mr. President on you political stroke of policy in sending white men to colored governments and colored men to white governments. If confirmations are going to work as slowly as that of Ashwoods and Taylers', the colored democrats would prefer to have the same old thing. They are about convinced that a departure, so far as they are concerned, is to their detriment. It is admitted that you are far ahead of your party and party supporters, but it does seem strange that nothing has been done for the boys before now.

You are aware, no doubt, Mr. President, that it has been almost a year and the unwashed colored democrats are still lingering in the cold.

Our friend, C. H. J. Taylor is in Kansas, Mr. President, telling the people that you are the greatest man since the reign of Julius Cæsar. He is perfectly satisfied with what you have done for him, and should you not give him anything else Mr. Taylor is too much of a democrat to kick. Christmas was a beautiful day and there is no doubt but that quite a number of stockings were hung up the night before Christmas to be taken down empty. Before I close, Mr. President, le me call your attention to the worthiness of Hon. John W. Ross, one of the commissioners of the District of Columbia. Col. Ross is a gentleman, Mr. President, and a man in whom the people of this district have the most implicit confidence. His reappointment would meet the hearty indorsement of the people, as well as it would be a benefit to the district.

Wishing you a happy New Year, believe me to be, sincerely yours,

THE EDITOR.

ROY'S SPORTING TALK.

One of the most notable characters of that portion of the colored race who follow race horses from place to place for a livelihood, is the peculiar nomenclature. No one is exempt from this wholesale nicknaming and the name selected fastens itself on one with a permanency that defies even old Frther Time. In most cases the names are of a racy character. Jay-Eye-See earned his name probably some time ago when Dame Fortune had been especially bountiful in her gifts and he set a "ratling" pace in consequence. "Polo" Jim because he was the groomsman for the swell New Yorkers, Polo ponies, Charlie Johnson is "Chief" probably because he is such a prime favorite with the ladies. One young fellow is known as "Jay Gould," for the reason that he carried around in his pocket at ono time a considerable amount of the "coin of the realm."

"Desperate" Pete is so named because he has "done" his man on more than one occasion, and was naturally reckless of consequences in a row. See our next.

EXCURSION TO BALTIMORE.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad will sell round trip tickets for all trains (including the 45 minute flyers) leaving Washing for Baltimore Saturday, January 6, valid for return trip until the following Monday inclusive, at $1.25.

Read the BEE and be happy.

A man should be true to his children above all things.

Flora Batson, January 15th and 16th.

As a general rule if men folluw the advice of women he will never go astray,

Honest women will never influence men to go astray.

A white man will be the next Recorder of Deeds.

The city is full of sharks and thieves.

The police department is doing good work.

Mrs. A. V. Yates of 1920 12th street, n. w., will receive from 3 p. m. to 10:30, assisted by Mrs. John Goodrich, Mrs. Daniel H. Brown, and Misses Hester Johnson, Ada Lucas, Maud Fox, Lizzie Ferguson and Ida E. Browne.

Messrs. W. T. Johnson and E. J. McQuade are two of the finest gentlemen you will find in business anywhere in this city. Call and see them, everybody knows what they are, 614 14th st., n w.

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For Pittsburg and Cleveland express daily 11:30 a. m. and 8:40 p. m.

For Lexington and Staunton, 11:30 a. m.

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For Annapolis, 7.15 and 8.30 a. m., 12.15 and 4.28 p. m. Sundays, 8.30 a. m., 4.31 p. m.

For Frederick, †11.30, a. m., 1.15, †4.30 †5.30, p. m.

For Hagerstown, †11.30 a. m. and †5.30 p. m.

For Boyd and way points, *7.05 p. m.

For Gaithersburg and way points, †8.00 †8 00, *10,00 a. m., †12.45, †3:35, †4.33 5,35, 7.05 †9 40, †11,30 p, m.

For Washington Junction and way points, 10.00 a. m, 1:15 p. m. Express trains stopping at principal stations only †4.30 †5.30 p. m.

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THE CULUMBIA DESK CALENDAR,

Which is issued annually by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Columbia Bicycle fame, is out for 1894, much improved in appearance. It is a pad calendar of the same size and shape as those of previous years, having a leaf for each day, but its attractiveness has been heightened by the work of a clever artist, who has scattered a series of bright pen-drawings through its pages. It also contains, as usual, many appropriate and interesting contributions from people both bright and wise.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

W. Calvin Chase, attorney and counsellor at law, has moved in his new down town office, 402 5th and D streets, n. w., near the Courts, where he can be seen from 8 to 4, after which time he can be seen at his up town office, 1109 I street, n. w. All kinds of law business attended to with care.

BERGEN STAR CONCERTS.

At Nineteenth Street Baptist church, Rev. Walter Brooks, Pastor, Monday evening, January 15th. At Metropolitain Baptist church, Rev. R. Johnson, Pastor, Tuesday evening January 16th. Artists: Flora Batson, Queen of Song, the real Patti of her race; W. I. Powell, Philadelphia's great Baritone and King of Fun; Mr. R. Henri, Strange, Prince of Elocutionists, Miss Louisie Hamer, Washington's favorite contralto, and Madam V. Adele Montgomery, of N. Y., accompanist. Queens, Kings and Princes will come with music, mirth and melody, to gladen all hearts. And hard times shall not prevent, for everybody may come at 35 cents admission. For terms and dates address manager J. G. Bergen, Philadelphia Pa.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

In pursuance of its usual liberal policy, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announces that excursion tickets will be sold between all stations on its lines east of the Ohio river during the Christmas and New Year holidays at reduced rates. The tickets will be sold for all trains Dec. 22 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1, and will be valid for the return journey on all trains until January 3rd inclusive.

Through Cars to New Orleans.

Among the many important improvements in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad train service is the addition of through Pullman Sleeping Cars from New York to New Orleans, via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and the famous Shenandoah Valley route, passing through Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Birmingham. The train leaves Baltimore, 10.07 p. m., and Washington, 11.10 p. m., reaching Roanoke at 7.50 a. m., Knoxville, 3:52 p. m.; Chattanooga, 8.00 p. m.; Birmingham, 11.18 a. m., and New Orleans, 12.45 p. m.

This train is very handsomely appointed, being vestibuled throughout, and has dining car service New York to Chattanooga. At Washington a Pullman Sleeping Car, which runs through to Memphis, is added to the train. 12-9-3t.

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The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Limited, leaving Washington, D. C., 3;30 p. m., and fast Express, leaving at 1:50 a. m., for Cincinnatti and St. Louis, are now equipped with a complete dining car service, built expressly for these trains by the Pullman Company. Pullman dining cars are also attached to Royal Blue Line trains leaving 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. week days, and 8:00 a. m., 12:00 noon and 5:00 p. m. Sundays, for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. 12-1-2t.

Miss Sarah J. Janifer has gone to New York, where she will spend the holidays with her brother. She will return next week.

Buchanan Bros., jewelers and opticians, doing business at 1018 7th st., n w, will retire from the jewelry business January, hence the cheap bargains they are offering.

Charlie Curtis, of Iowa, said to be one of the colored democratic politicians in the state and sargeant at arms of the national democratic convention, has accepted a $50 job in the treasury department.

The editor of the BEE will leave for Baltimore Monday where he will make final arrangements for his new cylinder press, which will print the first issue of the 8th page BEE for the new year.

Col. Thompson, secretary of the republican congressional committee, will leave the headquarters in first class shape by January 15th. The Colonel is a man of great speculative ability.

Many distinguished gentlemen's cuts and sketches of their lives will appear in the eight page number of the BEE for the new year. Those who desire to advertise in this highly illustrated newspaper will send the matter to the BEE office not later than Tuesday, January 2.

Mr. P. B. S. Pinchback had a house warming in his new residence Tuesday evening. There were quite a number of prominent people present.

The clubs of the Central M. E. Church will give and Old Folks Concert and Tree Entertainment in the church Friday evening, January 12. This church is situated on 5th street, between M. and N., n w. Don't fail to purchase a ticket and help the prstor, Rev. W. H. Gaines.

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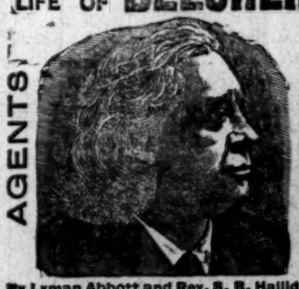

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'Mid vernal blooms and winter's snow.
Though vales between, or hills be white,
The years, the years, they come and go.
The sad old years, the New Years bright,
The cycle spent and all run,
Each year must end, the setting sun,
And the earth roll round and round.

But what care we how ages roll?
Our years, though few, are dear and good!
'Tis a life well worth a noble goal,
A cheerful heart and a patient mood.
The years, the years, they turn forever;
But never from hearts may sever,
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Welcome the New! Farewell the Old!
The Future's stores in depth and vast;
Let Age's pulse flow thick and cold,
Youth ne'er will look the dismal Past.
Welcome the young, the bold, the free,
Welcome the time that fain would be,
While the earth rolls round and round!

The spirits of a mighty past
Still point to Love's long promised reign!
Each year its hopeful seed has cast— [vain:—
Has striven and longed and watched in
But the Good and True is never before,
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THE ANIMALS' MASS.

STRANGE NEW YEAR'S RITES CELEBRATED IN THE CEVENNES MOUNTAINS.

There are many countries in the world where the celebration of New Year's Day almost entirely supersedes that of Christmas, and among these countries France may be said to stand first and foremost. Beyond attendance at midnight mass on December 24 and an elaborate supper taken on returning therefrom, Christmas Eve is hardly observed by the French lower and middle classes, and all pomp and ceremony are reserved for the first of the same month, or, as they call it there, the "Vigil of St. Sylvester."

The "Jeur de Pan" is the great festival all over France; it is a public holiday; all the stores and places of business being closed, and the entire population abandons itself to merry-making of the most elaborate kind. A general interchange of presents takes place, and in many well-to-do families the traditional Christmas tree is lighted on St. Sylvester's night instead of Christmas Eve, as is done in England or Germany.

The most poetical ceremony that I have ever witnessed, writes Marquise de Kergoet, is the so-called Messe des Animaux, or "Animals' Mass," which takes place every year on New Year's Eve in the French Department of the Cevennes or the "Black Espinouze." The scenery of these superb mountains, which in itself is extremely romantic, lends a peculiar charm to this simple and truly pastoral festival, given in honor of the herds of cattle which constitute the greatest riches of the inhabitants.

I shall never forget the impression created on my mind by the scene which presented itself to my enraptured eyes on the New Year's Eve when, having accompanied some friends, who possess a hunting lodge in the Espinouz, to the Animals' Mass, I stood under the portico of the tiny little gray-stone church and watched with keen interest flocks being led up the steep incline towards the plateau whereon the modest edifice is built.

The church was but a poor, little, tumble-down place, with lichen-grown walls and a square, ungraceful steeple, the cracked bell of which was tolling frantically. The inner decorations, thoroughly in keeping with the outside of this mountain chapel, consisted of crude, almost primitive paintings, and of a set of high wooden candle-sticks and some earthen vases filled with pine branches which stood on the altar. The edifice was crowded with stalwart mountaineers clad in their festive attire, each of them holding a lighted candle of coarse yellow wax, glimmering like tiny stars, and every man and woman singing the old Cevenol hymn beginning with these words:

"Nel pus belo que lon chour."
(Night more beautiful than day).

In the meantime column after column of cattle advanced towards the church, and, marshalled by their drivers, took their place in long files on the frozen turf in front of the wide open portico. They approached slowly, ponderously and solemnly, with a quasi bewildered expression at being turned out of their warm stables to face the bitter coldness of the bleak December night. The oxen came first, followed by the cows, sheep and goats, in a continuous stream, and the rays of the full moon, which glittered high above us, over the dark slopes of the mountains, shone on the long polished horns and tawny hides of this strange congregation. Mass was celebrated with the customary pomp by the cure, a white-haired and very venerable man who appeared almost majestic in his heavy brocaded vestments, which must have been several hundred years old.

When he at last had spoken the usual "Ita niessa est," indicating that the sacred ceremony is over, instead of retiring to the vestry, he once more lifted the host from the altar, and, followed by the entire congregation, he marched towards the portals, chanting the "Magnificat" as he went. Upon reaching the steps of the church the old priest halted, and, holding the sacred host high above his head, pronounced some words of benediction in a low, but emphatic voice. The drivers and shepherds all fell upon their knees, and, with bowed heads, murmured the responses, whilst an acolyte, armed with a holy-water sprinkler, walked through the ranks of the now bellowing cattle, aspersing them with the holy fluid. Whether the animals realized the solemnity of the occasion or not, all those which had hitherto been lying down arose to their feet as if to listen to the short, but impressive allocution addressed to the drivers by the venerable cure.

"My children," he said, "God in his great goodness and mercy sends his unworthy servant here to bless your flocks, so that, according to an ancient custom of our mountains, the animals which help you to live should be associated in the religious rejoicings heralding the advent of a New Year. Let us, therefore, sing together a loud hosanna in praise of the Lord, who is ever so merciful and lenient to us poor sinners."

Like a peal of thunder the grand melody echoed from hill to hill in the clear night air, sung by hundreds of throats and rolled majestically to the very confines of the horizon. The startled animals bellowed louder and united their powerful voices to the concert. It was grand and weird beyond description. As the last note died away the cortege began to move, the priest re-entering the church, whilst the animals slowly wended their way towards the valley in the same order as they had come. I followed them with my eyes, much impressed by this festival, so beautiful in its simplicity, and it was only when the last little bleating lamb had left the grassy court before the church that I consented to join my friends, who were preparing to drive home.

Throughout the remainder of that night, during the superb supper served at the chateau, and even later, in the seclusion of my own apartments, I seemed to still hear the sound of this sublime hosanna and to see the aged mountain priest as he blessed the herds with the fervent solemnity of his simple, faithful mind, and to-day, after many years, I cannot recall without emotion the remembrance of this St. Slyvester night in the Black Espinouze.

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"So you wrote a new year poem?" "Yes," replied the young man sadly. "What did the editor say?" "He advised me to form a new year resolution—not to write any more poetry."

"Do you take this man for better or for worse?" asked the minister. "I can't tell until I've had him for a while," returned the bride.—Harper's Bazar.

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"Good-by, old year, good-by."
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You gave us many a bright blue sky,
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But we've had lots of fun—
We've skated, fished and boated;
And now, just as the year is done,
In school we've been promoted.

Old year, be brave and proud;
With banners floating o'er you,
You join the shadowy crowd
Of years that went before you.

Good-by, old year, good-by;
With "finis" to your story,
The stars shine out on high
To light your way with glory.
—Harper's Young People.

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NATURALISTS and lovers of wild scenery may console themselves with the knowledge that however destructive industrial progress may be in changing the face of nature, the mountain part of middle and northern Pennsylvania will always be a wilderness and shelter for game. Deer and bear are almost as plentiful as they were thirty years ago, but not so accessible; and if the law against running them with dogs is maintained there will be no lack of sport in the mountains for the next century.

Some ten years ago the writer, with Ned Prevost, now one of the lumber barons of Canada, were in the mountains north of Laporte, near Elk Lake, in Sullivan County, as wild a place as any on this side of Hudson's Bay. It was December 30, and we found that our New Year's Day must be spent at a deserted lumber camp on the shores of Elk Lake.

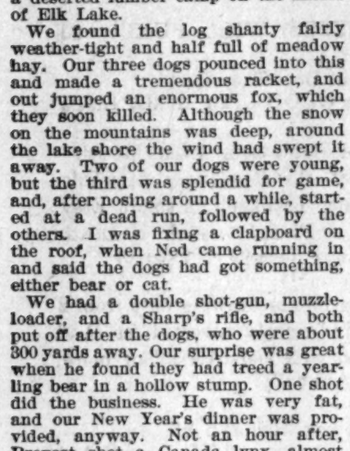
We found the log shanty fairly weather-tight and half full of meadow hay. Our three dogs pounced into this and made a tremendous racket, and out jumped an enormous fox, which they soon killed. Although the snow on the mountains was deep, around the lake shore the wind had swept it away. Two of our dogs were young, but the third was splendid for game, and, after nosing around a while, started at a dead run, followed by the others. I was fixing a clapboard on the roof, when Ned came running in and said the dogs had got something, either bear or cat.

We had a double shot-gun, muzzle-loader, and a Sharp's rifle, and both put off after the dogs, who were about 300 yards away. Our surprise was great when he found they had treed a yearling bear in a hollow stump. One shot did the business. He was very fat, and our New Year's dinner was provided, anyway. Not an hour after, Prevost shot a Canada lynx, almost as large as the bear. In fact, this was a hunters' paradise, and during the day we saw on the opposite side of the lake no less than seven deer.

By night the shanty had been made comfortable, the hay making good beds. Plenty of wood was cut, and water brought from the lake and supper cooked. Outside it was getting very cold, but as bright as day, the moon being nearly full. Smoking our pipe and telling stories filled up the time until 10 o'clock, when suddenly the oldest dog, with his hair bristling, and growling, made for the door.

"What's the matter, Chance?" said Prevost. "Hold on; don't let him get out. Don't you hear the noise outside—them's timber wolves."

Sure enough, that low howl, which once heard is never forgotten, was coming down the wind, and there seemed to be a pack. No wild animals are more dangerous when they are together. One will seldom attack a man, but a hungry half-dozen are decidedly ugly



to meet. While we were holding in one dog the other two got out through a hole under the window that was merely stuffed with hay, and that was the last we ever saw of them. From the foot of the mountain the ground sloped down to the lake as even as a meadow, and this was covered with snow that under the moonbeams shone like a sheet of silver, and, not much bigger than mice in the distance, we saw the pack running single file.

"Now, Phil," said Prevost, "we must shoot centre, and not waste our ammunition. They smell the blood of that bear and cat, and will stay around till mornin'. I never thought to spend New Year's Eve fightin' timber wolves."

There was no glass in the window, which was merely a hole cut in the logs. A tremendous yelling was heard, but was over soon. Our unfortunate dogs were done for, and it was fortunate that we secured Chance in time. He knew what was going on outside, and tried to dash through the window—and now the brutes scented us and halted, all but one slinking into the low brush. I leaned my rifle against the logs and took a long sight and fired, and could see the ball making little jumps on the surface of the hard snow, a clean miss. A Sharp's rifle has great penetrating force, but always fires high and for this I did not allow.

We soon discovered what principally attracted the marauders. The body of the fox lay not ten feet from the shanty, and no animal either tame or wild makes so strong a scent. Inside of twenty minutes one big fellow, gray on the back, a sure sign of age, made a dash for the body of Reynard, and got a load of buckshot that finished him at once. Another tried it and had his back broken by a rifle bullet. I was not over ten yards from him. The rest left for the timber thirty yards away and howled dismally. We now resolved to stand guard by turns, as we could not believe that the vicious brutes would storm the shanty; so I lay down after building up the fire. How long I slept I can't say, but was awakened by the yelling of the dog and Prevost crying out:

"Look out! There's a wolf in the shanty!"

Sure enough. Chance had caught him crawling through the hole and was fighting bravely. We could not shoot; the dog was getting the worst of it, and more. In the scrimmage a bunch of hay was kicked in the fire and the place was ablaze. Fortunately Prevost got hold of the hand-axe and, just in time to save our dog, split the wolf's head open, but from a snap from the brute he had the little finger of his left hand taken off. I had succeeded in putting out the fire and could look around. Chance was moaning with a big wound in the throat, Prevost swearing, and I was amazed at the size of the wolf. He was quite as large as a Newfoundland dog, with teeth three inches long.

It was evident that we were fairly besieged, and from the window could see at least a dozen brutes that were excited by the smell of the blood. I killed two and Prevost one, while we must have wounded five more. It was a long, weary night; my companion's hand was painful, and he shared the common belief that a wolf's bite is poisonous, while our poor dog was badly hurt, his forepaw being nearly bitten off and his throat mangled. Just before daylight a rush was made from the outside and I killed the last wolf with his head and front legs inside the cabin—hunters believe that these animals sometimes go mad, and this looked like it, but when day broke, with one long howl, they left as they came.

When we ventured out, besides the one in the cabin, three were dead. One, with its back broken, snapped at us until a bullet ended its life. There were trails of blood leading to the lake, and others must have been wounded, but such is the vitality of these animals that they will carry away a big load of lead.

The fire had burnt up a coat and blanket, but when cost was counted we had quite a load of skins, worth not less than $30. Chance was laid on the sled, and after a hurried breakfast a start was made for Freeman's, twenty miles away, in Bradford County. He was a hunter and trapper who lived by his gun, and was as much of a savage as any Sioux. He took our dog and promised to mend him up, but the poor brute died a few days later. Our destination was Towanda, and this we made next day, and neither of us will ever forget our New Year's Eve of 1882.—P. D. H.

NEW YEAR HUMOR.

Mrs. Mulcahy—Now, Mike, let us see if we can't live togither the year happy and widout foightin'. Mr. Mulcahy—We moight live widout fightin', but we wuddent be happy, and ye know it.

An Alsatian woman went to make her New Year confession. "Father, I have committed a great sin." "Well?" "I dare not say it; it is too grievous." "Come, come, courage." "I have married a Prussian." "Keep him, my daughter. That's your penance."

Jiblets took his young wife to the home he had rented with a determination to begin the New Year independent of boarding-house fare and landlady's exactions. "I can't say I admire the house," said Mrs. J. candidly. "Well, there's one beauty about it," replied Jiblets. "What is it?" "My wife, of course," answered the gallant Jiblets. Then a vision of beauty spread over the whole place.

"So young," mused the editor, looking over a poem that had just come in by mail. "So young and so gifted! Hardly sixteen, yet a graduate of one of the most exclusive and expensive female seminaries in the country! There is a vigor about this production, a dash, a breeziness, a wealth of imagination, and a facility of expression truly wonderful in one of her youth and inexperience. And yet," added the editor, firing it energetically into the waste basket, "she can't work off on this paper a poem that tries to make 'aspire' rhyme with 'New Year.'"

A NEW YEAR GIFT.

A New Year's gift the seasons bring—
A virgin year with new-born grace;
We hail its joyous blossoming.

The Old Year to the past takes wing;
Good-by is said; and in its place
A New Year's gift the seasons bring.

For summer's sake we greet the spring,
And hope smiles from the New Year's face;
We hail its joyous blossoming.

The Old Year's faults aside we fling,
And all its folly false or base;
A New Year's gift the seasons bring.

The lark doth in our spirit sing;
A happier time we now embrace;
We hail its joyous blossoming.

Unto the New Year's hope we cling;
Sweet promise in its dawn we trace;
A New Year's gift the seasons bring—
Hail, Ninety-Four's glad blossoming.

A Case of Locality.

"This New Year song is rather queer."

"Why?"

"It says here: 'Love weaves her bridal wreath anew each year.'"

"Oh, that is easily explained. The song was published in Chicago."

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SOME REFLECTIONS WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE PRESENT SEASON.

There was a picture drawn a few years ago for a weekly paper in New York which had a certain pathos in it. It represented an elderly gentleman, handsomely attired, ascending the steps that led to the door of a house where it had been his custom for many years to pay his respects upon the first day of each year, and the artist had skilfully depicted a look of sadness and disappointment upon the old man's face when he saw that the door that had so often opened to him was closed and that a basket to receive visiting cards hung upon the bell handle to warn him that he must not ask admittance. The time-honored custom of paying New Year calls had gone out.

It is a pity, but it is a fact, that in New York, Philadelphia and Boston and in other less important cities that copy these New Year calls are no longer as general as they used to be. It is easy to understand why. The social circles have become so large that the caller, in order to perform his obligations, would have to begin his labors

Gov. Stuyvesant's New Year.

early in the morning and continue them till after the dinner hour; and while calling all day was wearisome, to receive calls all day was equally a bore. Therefore men began to stay at home and ladies began to put baskets at their doors.

There is no reason, however, why the pleasant custom of New Year's calls should be wholly abrogated. The old Knickerbocker practice had as its motive one of the noblest qualities of the human heart—that of neighborly hospitality and goodwill. The abuse of New Year calling arose from making it a fashionable function instead of a hospitable anniversary. The probability is that New Year calling will soon be revived throughout the country. The only check needed is a proper regulation of abuses. It should be decreed as "bad form" for anybody to call upon people with whom they are not acquainted, or to show excess of entertainment. New Year's calls exchanged between personal friends and neighbors is the most worthy custom attending any anniversary of the year. There is never an excess of social life, and whatever promotes the social feeling on New Year Day is a positive benefit to society.

When, in the good old days of New Amsterdam, Governor Stuyvesant threw open the doors of his "Bowerie" farmhouse and welcomed all neighbors to his friendly hospitality, he established a precedent which public officers have ever since followed in New York, and which has extended throughout the country. In Washington, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Albany and many other cities and State capitals, all public officers throw open their houses to the visits of the public on New Year's Day, or hold receptions at their public offices. Thus New Year's Day in this country has become especially an anniversary when the public servants of the people recognize their obligations of social equality with those who elected them to office. It is this persistence of the custom as a politico-social function that keeps it alive in the hearts of the people, and which insures its survival in the domestic habits of the American public.

The Christmas time and the New Year time are the two occasions in the year when the home feeling asserts itself most strongly. As the family as-

In Colonial Days.

sembles in the breakfast-room and the cries of "Happy New Year" are heard and the loving kisses are given, each individual feels how necessary to his happiness is home. It was Anthony Trollope who pointed out that no man on Christmas Day would dare to dine at his club, and the remark is equally true of New Year Day. Alas for the poor bachelor who is away from his kindred and upon whom no friends who have a home have taken pity on that day! Alas for the homeless wanderer, to whom no door opens except that of the tavern or saloon! Alas for the hard-hearted and unsocial, who let slip the occasion to speed on the coming reign of the brotherhood of man!

So long as love, courtship and marriage shall prevail as human institutions (and they will undoubtedly endure while the human race does) there cannot be too many opportunities for the cheerful meeting of young people. It is suggested that New Year's Day be devoted to the young women of America—to be especially a festival when their power and influence shall be recognized by the devotion of their masculine admirers. This would make it in every respect a national custom, worthy of the people that was first among civilized nations to fully recognize woman's need of and right to a larger social and political liberty.

The mother of Marie Bashkirtseff said in a recent interview that she still had much of her daughter's diary that had not been published, and that the journal would not appear in its entirety until she herself was dead.

NEW YEAR BILLS.

See the postman with the bills,
New Year bills;
How the sight of them my heart with consternation fills;
How they tumble, tumble, tumble
In my letter-box each day,
In a vast chaotic jumble,
With a deep sepulchral rumble,
That fills me with dismay.
Keeping time, time, time,
With monotony sublime
To the sickly palpitation that my aching bosom fills;
Oh! the bills, bills, bills, bills, bills, bills, bills;
The perennial, inexorable bills!

A NEW YEAR PRESENT.

PERHAPS Miss Rosie (whose last name is not material at all, and, for that matter, neither is Miss Rosie herself, for she is a very etherial person) did not expect a New Year present, for she was merely a stenographer, and her immediate typewriter and relatives were all poor, and she had quite exhausted her little resources in sending out Christmas presents to them. Now, it is a fact that several young men were more or less hopelessly in love with Miss Rosie, but as she had never given any of them the slightest encouragement, and had made it very evident that she would accept no favors from them, and had been compelled to refuse three of the most ardent who had tendered themselves as Christmas presents, there was no particular reason why anybody should send her a New Year's present.

But why should Miss Rosie ignore the several more or less eligible young men who were more or less hopelessly in love with her? Oh, that was her secret—or, at least, she thought it was—but those who knew that the Junior Partner was a particularly tall and handsome young man, and suspected that Miss Rosie herself was more or less ambitious, might perhaps have divined a reason for her cool treatment of the several more or less hopelessly in love young men who were merely clerks or bookkeepers.

But it was the 31st of December, and who shall say what thoughts or schemes entered into the demure little head of Miss Rosie? If she had any reason to suspect a certain thing, she had never confessed it even to herself. Yet it was a fact that for some weeks the Junior Partner had taken an unusual interest in business, and that he had required Miss Rosie's attendance for an unusual amount of correspondence. But nobody thought anything about that, for the holiday season was usually a busy season with the firm, and the Junior Partner would naturally settle down to business in due time, as his father had done before him. In fact, business ran in the family.

But there was something rather extraordinary in the amount of business young Mr. Couponette had on that particular 31st of December. He kept Miss Rosa busy, very busy, until the Senior Partner had gone home, until the clerks and assistants had all departed, and only the gray-haired old bookkeper (who never did go home until everybody else had quit) was alone left with them in the office. Then, as the Junior Partner dictated the last letter and waited till it was typewritten and duly signed and placed in the mail, he bent his head and whispered to Miss Rosie:

"If a messenger should call on you tomorrow with a package I trust you will not refuse it."

And in answer she could only blush and hang her head, which signs evidently satisfied the Junior Partner, for he left the office in a very gay mood indeed.

If Miss Rosie went home that night in an unusually happy mood, and if she dreamed delightful dreams, and if she woke with a radiant expectation, thrilling her heart, whose business really was it but her own?

It was about 9 o'clock that the sturdy and rather stupid office boy (who was quite as faithful as he was stupid, however) called at the house and left a letter. Miss Rosie was surprised at this, for, to tell the truth, she had expected a package instead of a letter. But, after all, why might not a letter be more precious than a package? As soon as she returned to her room she opened and read it eagerly. It ran as follows:

The firm will have no need for your services after this date. The reason you doubtless know, so no further explanation is necessary.
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Her brain grew dizzy, and she fairly reeled in surprise and horror. The letter was in the chirography of the Junior Partner, which she knew well, and a second glance at the envelope assured her that there was no mistake in the address.

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When the Junior Partner called at Miss Rosie's boarding place on New Year afternoon and sent up his card, he was shocked and surprised to receive word that she was ill and could not be seen. But that young man was noted for two things—one was in having a very inquiring and ingenious mind, and the other was in not allowing himself to be disappointed. So he insisted upon seeing Miss Rosie, and finally had his way. And then there was a tearful explanation and some very energetic language uttered in a suppressed tone, and the Junior Partner left the house hurriedly and with a very determined expression of countenance.

Within an hour or two the messenger returned, bearing with him a package, the contents of which we will not inquire into, but the note that accompanied the same shall be public property:

MY DARLING: You cannot be ignorant of my feelings? Accept this gift (so unworthy of you) as a testimony of the eternal devotion of one, who has learned to love and esteem you.
J. A. Coupenette, Jr.

It only remains to be added that Mr. James Cruser, the dishonest clerk whose evil doings had been uncovered by the very energetic Junior Partner, also in due time received his New Year present, and that the very stupid messenger boy, who was not at all to blame for a mistake which had been made by the Junior Partner himself, through indulging day dreams in connection with business, had his salary raised to a point that inspired him to become as bright and active as he had previously been slothful and dull.

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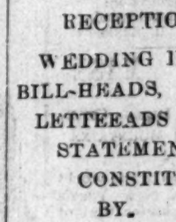

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